Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. Vareed is the Manager of the Bank.

(*c*) From 15th Medam 1118 to 23rd November 1945 only two cases have been filed by the said Bank. One is stayed under the Soldiers' Litigation Act. The other case has been disposed of as ex-parte in his bench.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* My question is to know the number of cases including executions but instead the number of cases is shown here. What is the reason in not showing the number of executions ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Devleopment):* Only two cases have been disposed of by him. One of them is stayed and the other is disposed of.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* I want to know the exact number of executions in which he has sat as Judge.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Even if it is an ex-parte case, is it not improper that he should deal with that case ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is very doubtful whether the ex-parte disposal is a trial of the suit. As a matter of fact I was a Judge for a long time and when this matter came up I have my own doubts whether an ex-parte disposal is a trial of the suit. If that was the doubt felt by me I am sure that that gentleman must have thought that exparte disposal is not a trial of the suit.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* May I know whether it is not in execution that a Judge could tease parties more ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* No Judge is expected to tease the parties. As a matter of fact, the question refer only to two cases.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Including executions ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* May I know whether there was any cause for the the Hon'ble Minister here, who was a big lawyer, to make that statement that when an ex-parte case comes up for decision, there may be occassion when the case may be dismissed even when there is no contest. There may be cases of dismissal when the pronote is unstamped or imporperly stamped on account of the Limitation Act. In such cases it is the duty of the Court even when there is no contest to dismiss the suit. Then again when cases come up for being stayed under the Soldiers Litigation Act it is always a difficult question. For all these reasons is it not proper that the Hon'ble Minister gives the direction. I am not referring to past things.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* The direction has been given that they cannot try suit hereafter.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* May I know whether it is the practice of the Government to conduct periodical inspections of the Court?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Inspections are conducted.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS—GOVERNMENT PRESS

223. **Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashrof** *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the public holidays for Meeladi Nabi and Muharram are available to the employees of the Government Press;

(*b*) what are the reasons for denying those holidays to the employees of the Government Press if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government Press is worked on a commercial basis and in the interest of the department the number of holidays other than Sundays and extraordinary holidays has been restricted to a maximum of 19 days which includes two Muslim holidays. The Muslim employee of the Press are also allowed two hours interval on Friday to go to mosque to say their prayers.

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Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know the number of holidays allowed to other employees of the Government Press?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* 19 days are allowed including Bakrid, Christmas, Easter and Onam.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* I want to know the number of holidays enjoyed by the other employees of the Government Press.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The 19 holidays are enjoyed by all the communities not only the Muslims.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* The question is whether any other holidays are allowed to other employees of Government Press?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Government have allowed 19 days' holidays to employees of the Government Press.

Mr. President: How many holidays are allowed to other Government Servants?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I want notice, Sir, because it is a big list. There are final holidays for all communities and there are particular holidays for particular communities.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I take it that the Press is worked on a commercial basis, and worked on a profit?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The idea is so. But I do not think it is making a profit.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know whether any distinction has been made in the pay of the Press Servants?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I think a definite standard pay has been fixed for them. Many enquiries have been conducted and it is in consideration of the wages given in other Presses and accepting the views of the Committees who enquired into this particular case, that their pay has been fixed.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Are there clerks also in the Government Press?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Yes. There are.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Are they given any compensation for this extra work?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know whether these holidays are not important to Muslims?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I told you that the two Muslim holidays are also allowed to them. I don't understand your point.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* The question is whether Meladi Nabi and Moharam are not important to Muslims?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I do not deny that. It is not only these two holidays they are denied. As a commercially worked institution Government have fixed that more than this number of holidays should not be allowed to them. In these 19 holidays, there are 2 Muslim holidays and every Friday they are allowed two hours in the noon to leave the office to say their prayers.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Can we take it that Government Press is worked on factory basis?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It has not been registered under Factory Act.

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Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* When does the work begin in the Government Press and when does it end?

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is going far far beyond the subject of the question. The time for questions and answers has expired.

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